

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

I am a graduate of Queen's University. I have been a small business owner and I am presently a lawyer.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

Yes, my family and I currently live in the Riding. Our home is north of Belleville, Ontario and we lived there for the last four years.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

I have been active in my church, involved in the CPC riding association in HLA (on board of directors) and with campus politics at Queen's university

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

The book that had the biggest impression on me and my political thinking was "Democracy in America" Alexis de Tocqueville. When I read this book many years ago, I think it codified certain instincts I had about freedom, individual liberty, and good self-governance. A classic that has as much to say about democracy today, as it did when it was written nearly 200 years ago.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

I think the politician that provides a role model for me is Sir John Alexander Macdonald. Although, sometimes regarded as a controversial figure in history Macdonald's was able to build a successful national government for this country. He also had a vision of bringing this country together by linking one end to the other. Despite a number of obstacles, he was able to complete his vision while securing a better future for Canada.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

The most important issue facing people in the riding is affordability. A key part of that problem is their tax burden. According to an article by Charles Lammam and Milagros Palacios published in the Financial Post, "the average Canadian household [now] spends more on taxes than any other expense." They go on to say, "the average Canadian family (including single Canadians) earned \$83,105 in income and paid \$35,283 in total taxes. That's 42.5 per cent of income going to taxes." I believe the best way to help people with the affordability issue is with policies aimed at lowering that burden.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

When we have a political leader that has been accused of inappropriately touching of a woman, going on a vacation on the Aga Khan's island, interfering with a Minister's decision during the SNC-Lavalin affair, and of wearing a black face on at least three occasions it is little wonder Canadians are disillusioned with politics.

If elected, I will serve the Riding using the values that have guided me through my life. Always be truthful to yourself and the people you deal with, and do your best at everything you set out to accomplish. These values will be focused on my guiding principle to help make Hastings-Lennox & Addington and Canada a better place.